

From: Press Release from Iowa Governor's Office [mailto:PressReleases.IGOV@iowa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 10:48 AM
To: Press Release from the Governor's Office
Subject: GOVERNOR CULVER: IOWA IS INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCURE, PUTTING IOWANS BACK TO WORK

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Governor Chet Culver ★ Lt. Governor Patty Judge

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 10, 2009

Contact:
Dena Gray-Fisher, DOT
(515) 239-1922
dena.grayfisher@DOT.iowa.gov

Troy Price, Governor's Office
(515) 281.0173
troy.price@iowa.gov

**GOVERNOR CULVER: IOWA IS INVESTING IN
INFRASTRUCURE, PUTTING IOWANS BACK TO
WORK**

*Iowa Transportation Commission approves millions in federal
economic recovery funds, state dollars for Iowa projects*

DES MOINES – March 10, 2009 - Demonstrating that Iowa is not waiting to use federal recovery dollars, today Governor Chet Culver announced that the Iowa Transportation Commission has approved the use of \$30.9 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for transit and transportation enhancement programs. The Commission also made \$227.8 million in revisions to the state's highway program as a result of the new federal funding. In addition, the Commission approved more than \$2 million in projects for four communities through the state's Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program.

"During these tough economic times, we must do all we can to improve our economy and put Iowans back to work," said Governor Culver. "I am proud to announce that with this action by the Transportation Commission, we are doing just that. Thanks to President Obama's recovery package, we now have millions of dollars to help improve our infrastructure. And as today's efforts show, we are not waiting to use these funds in order to help our communities and put Iowans back to work."

According to the Federal Highway Administration, a \$100 million investment in transportation infrastructure construction supports and retains nearly 2,800 jobs.

Due to the ARRA funds, the Transportation Commission was able to approve millions of dollars in funding for the following state transportation programs.

Transportation enhancements: The DOT Commission approved \$5 million for transportation enhancement activities. These funds, secured from the ARRA, are in addition to \$7,122,500 in ARRA funds programmed by Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning affiliations for transportation enhancement projects. The following projects were approved by the Commission:

Wabash Trace to Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge Trail Rehabilitation

Applicant: City of Council Bluffs

Award: \$543,866

Raccoon River Valley Trail Rehabilitation

Applicant: Guthrie County Conservation Board

Award: \$954,400

Sauk Rail Trail Paving

Applicant: Carroll and Sac County Conservation Board

Award: \$1,000,000

Wabash Trace Nature Trail Paving from Mineola to Malvern

Applicant: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Award: \$456,134

Resurfacing and Renovation of the Original Spine Trail and Poyzer Trail

Applicant: Dickinson County Conservation Board

Award: \$186,365

Rathbun Lake Multi-Use Trail – Culvert Extension at Highway J-18 and Ham Creek

Applicant: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Award: \$150,000

Rathbun Lake Multi-Use Trail – Phase 1

Applicant: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Award: \$845,000

Principal Riverwalk – Vine to Court Avenue, West

Applicant: City of Des Moines

Award: \$873,235

Transit projects: The Commission approved increased funding for Iowa's two statewide transit programs. The first statewide program assists public transit

systems serving urbanized areas with populations between 50,000 and 200,000. The second provides funding for public transit systems serving non-urbanized areas of the state. The Federal Transit Administration's preliminary apportionments indicate Iowa will receive \$10,689,659 for the urbanized program (not including areas with populations of 200,000 or more) and \$15,156,406 for the non-urbanized program. The approved projects, which can be implemented within the ARRA timeframes, include facility improvement projects, and the purchase of much-needed replacement and high-priority expansion vehicles. [Click here to link to a list of projects.](#)

The Commission amended the highway section of the 2009-2013 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program as a result of the \$238.2 million appropriation the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will receive in federal highway funding through the ARRA. Today's changes involve the addition of new highway projects and rescheduling of some previously approved projects to fiscal year 2009. The revisions total approximately \$227.8 million. The revisions do not specify which projects in the program will use ARRA funding. That announcement will be forthcoming from the Iowa DOT. For a list of changes adopted by the Commission, visit: http://www.iowadot.gov/program_management/five_year.html.

Building on the federal investment in Iowa's infrastructure, the Commission also approved more than \$2 million in funding for infrastructure improvement in four Iowa communities. The funds were secured through the state's RISE program. Below is a list of the approved projects:

Story City: A grant of \$138,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, will be made available to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 350 feet of Story County Road E-15 and a right turn lane at the intersection with Precision Parkway. Funding for the grant comes from the city share of the RISE fund. The improvement will provide necessary access to the site of the proposed Generation Repair and Service, LLC facility in the Story City I-35 Industrial Park. The project will support the creation of 23 new jobs at this facility and more than \$34.5 million in associated capital investment.

Dubuque: A grant of \$285,002 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, will be made available to assist in construction of approximately 1,449 feet of Resource Road to provide access to an additional 100 acres in the Dubuque Industrial Center West. Funding for the grant comes from the city share of the RISE fund.

Iowa City: A grant of \$1,243,801 or up to 50 percent of the RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, will be made available to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 3,900 feet of 420th Street east of U.S. 6. Funding for the grant comes from the city share of the RISE fund. The

completed improvement will provide initial access to approximately 100 acres for development targeted toward the wind energy industry.

Spencer: A grant of \$422,500 or up to 50 percent of the RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, will be made available to assist in the construction of approximately 2,450 feet of new roadway from the east end of East Milwaukee Street east and north to future 17th Avenue East. Funding for the grant comes from the city share of the RISE fund. The project will allow access to seven new lots totaling over 40 acres in Phase 1 of the Green Industrial Center.

###

You are currently subscribed to igov_press_releases as: dena.grayfisher@dot.iowa.gov. To unsubscribe click the Unsubscribe link below, or send a blank email to: leave-319677-3043410W@Lists.ia.gov .

http://Membership.Lists.ia.gov/u?id=3043410W&n=T&c=F&l=igov_press_releases

(click here to unsubscribe)